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Financial performance report of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/816). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General who provided additional information.

2. In its resolution 53/19 B of 8 June 1999, the General Assembly appropriated an amount of $18,708,926 gross ($17,475,926 net) to cover the cost of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of an amount of $930,639 for the support account and an amount of $182,487 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy. However, as indicated in paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/816), an amount of $16,370,309 gross ($15,291,434 net) had been assessed up to 15 May 2000, when the mandate of the Mission expired. As indicated in paragraph 12 and table 1 of the same report, expenditure for the period totalled $13,945,200 gross ($13,110,520 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $4,754,700 gross ($4,365,400 net).

3. The unencumbered balance was due to lower costs for military personnel ($748,900), civilian personnel ($3,182,900), operational requirements ($377,900), other programmes ($55,700) and staff assessment ($389,300).

4. With regard to reductions under military personnel, the Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 1 of annex II to the report of the Secretary-General that the unutilized balance of $748,900 was largely due to the fact that military observers whose tour of duty ended were not replaced during the period, in view of expected expiration of the Mission's mandate on 15 May 2000.

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5. In connection with civilian personnel, the Advisory Committee notes from paragraphs 2 to 4 of annex II to the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/816) that the unencumbered balance of $3,182,900 under civilian personnel was in large part due to a saving of $363,400 under civilian police; this was mainly attributable to the fact that only 2 out of 12 civilian police monitors authorized were deployed. Savings of $2,659,300 under international and local staff was due to the fact that as a result of the gradual transfers of UNMOT international personnel to other peacekeeping operations, the Mission experienced an average vacancy rate of 39.1 per cent for international staff during the period.

6. The Advisory Committee was informed that the estimated amount owed at 22 March 2001 for contingent-owned equipment was $43,992 and unliquidated obligations for contingent-owned equipment amounted to $74,412. With regard to death and disability, at 22 March 2001, four claims had been settled, amounting to $175,654, the balance of obligations amounted to $100,000 and three claims were pending.

7. The Advisory Committee was also informed that, at 19 March 2001, the cash position amounted to $9.3 million. Assessments on Member States for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000 amounted to $8,924,773, payments received totalled $3,299,606 and the amount outstanding was $2,431,289, at 22 March 2001. Total unliquidated obligations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 were $2,209,511 ($126,409 for Governments and $2,083,102 for others), at 31 December 2000.

8. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 are indicated in paragraph 15 of the report. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the amount of $18,708,926 gross ($17,475,926 net) appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/19 B of 8 June 1999 for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 be reduced to $16,370,309 gross ($15,291,434 net). The Committee also recommends that the consequential unencumbered balance of $2,416,109 gross ($2,180,934 net) for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 be credited to Member States in a manner to be decided by the General Assembly.**